

Application Number 10/569,825
Response to Office Action of 09/30/2009

REMARKS-ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 11 have been canceled. Claims 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 have been amended.

RE: Claim Objections

Claim 13 has been amended to correct a clerical error as suggested by the examiner.

RE: Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112

The preamble of the independent claim 12 has been amended to avoid the indefiniteness rejections indicated by the examiner. Claim 11 has been canceled as indicated above.

Thus, the examiner's rejections under 35 USC §112 have been overcome.

RE: Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102 and 103

Claims 8, 12 and 13 were indicated as allowable provided these claims are amended to address certain formal matters as indicated by the examiner, and re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, to expedite the allowance of this application, the applicants have amended claims as suggested by the examiner. Namely, claim 4 has been amended to include limitation of claims 7 and 8; claim 9 has been amended to provide proper dependency; and claims 12 and 13 have been amended to fix certain formalities as mentioned above. Claims 5, 6, 9 and 10 have been amended to improve the claim language. Claims 5, 6, 9 and 10 depend on the amended allowable claim 4 and include further limitations.

Thus, the rejections under 35 USC §102 and §103 have been overcome.

Conclusion

Thus, all requisitions of the examiner have been addressed. No new matter has been added. A favorable consideration and early allowance of this application is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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